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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10-13-52

WEATHER The drought still continues, with no measurable rain reported in the State during the entire week. Temperatures averaged below normal, with a severe freeze at the beginning of the week, followed by warming to seasonable temperatures. Humidity remained very low. Sunshine was abundant.

CROPS Corn picking is quite general throughout the State. Because of the dry stalks and husks, mechanical pickers are having some difficulty. Some ears drop to the ground and more husks than usual are left on the ears. A few farmers are harvesting with a picker sheller and marketing corn direct from the field.

Yields of corn are generally good. A few dry land fields have been reported at 100 bushels an acre with irrigated fields exceeding that. The quality of the corn is exceptionally good. The October 1 estimate was 36 bushels per acre and production 254,880,000 bushels. Preliminary yield reports from the western two-thirds of the State are about average despite the damage from lack of rain.

The condition of most of the winter wheat is very poor due to the continued drought which has prevailed over most of the State since the first of September. There has been practically no precipitation in the winter wheat belt during the past three weeks. The entire State needs a heavy rain badly. Reports indicate that farmers did not plant as much wheat as intended because of the dry soil. Some of the winter wheat did not sprout. Stands are spotted and there are some reports of wheat dying.

The condition of pasture is far below the average. Range is very dry, brittle and unpalatable. The fall seeding of alfalfa and grasses was reduced because of the dry autumn and the condition is very poor. Fortunately the hay crop turned out much better than expected, with the crop the second highest of record.

Minor crops are exceptionally good this year. Grain sorghum matured with a very good yield. The soybean crop is the largest of record and the yield of 24 bushels has not been exceeded. The dry edible bean yield is the second highest of record and the production is nearly up to the 10 year average despite the reduced acreage. The sugar beet yield is among the higher yields of record and the production is considerably above the average. The yield of potatoes is the second highest of record. The damage from the freeze may not exceed 3% of the total crop.

With the exception of spring small grain crops, all crops were exceptionally good this year. Dry, hot, June weather reduced the yield of oats, barley and spring wheat.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 13, 1952

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Central Division

Western Division

None

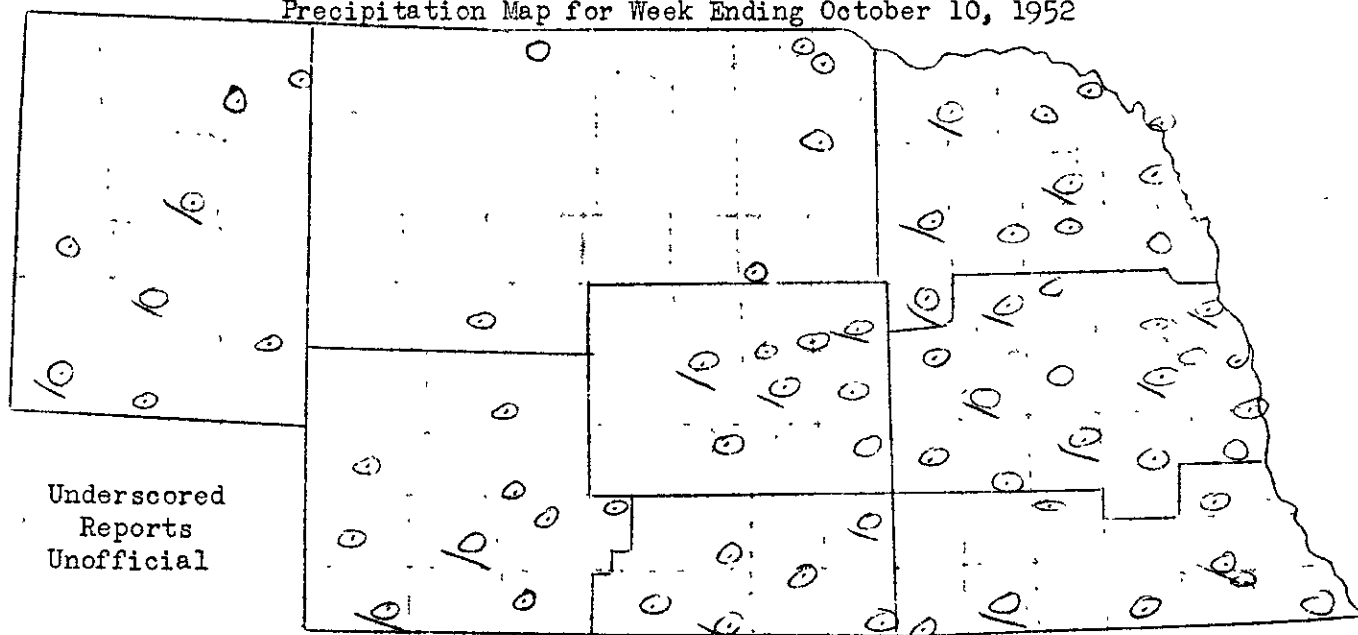
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Precipitation Map for Week Ending October 10, 1952



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		October		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	50	12	70	22	76	41	83	40	81	29	76	38	71	--	--	--
	Scottsbluff	53	21	69	27	80	35	83	41	81	35	78	40	72	38	--	--
	Sidney	49	15	66	30	77	30	78	33	78	32	70	43	75	39	--	--
N-C	Burwell	--	--	--	--	75	29	76	37	79	37	71	45	65	36	--	--
	Valentine	45	16	62	28	72	31	76	47	79	39	70	48	65	46	--	--
NE	Norfolk	48	27	57	31	75	32	72	42	74	46	66	43	63	41	--	--
	Sioux City	--	--	57	30	74	34	73	38	71	45	68	38	67	39	--	--
CEN.	Grand Island	49	19	57	36	75	34	74	45	77	46	72	43	69	39	--	--
	Lexington	51	14	58	24	77	25	75	35	80	39	72	34	71	35	--	--
E-C	Lincoln	51	25	56	37	71	35	72	46	74	47	72	43	67	37	--	--
	Omaha	50	25	58	33	72	33	71	42	70	42	70	41	66	38	--	--
SW	Imperial	51	14	63	25	78	26	78	38	80	39	71	37	75	40	--	--
	North Platte	50	13	60	22	77	24	74	34	80	42	72	36	69	34	--	--

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